REMARKS

Claims 1-7 remain in the application.

Claim 1 stands rejected under 35 USC 103 as being unpatentable over Takeuchi et al. (USPN 6,136,249) in view of Sano (USPN 4,702,156).

The Examiner contends that the primary reference, presumably Sano, teaches a process of molding a composite article including forming a first portion of the composite from a first injected material in a first injection molding cavity, the first portion including connection features. The first portion is placed within a second molding cavity and a second plastic is injection molded to form an integrally attached second portion to the first portion. The Examiner cites column 5, line 40 to column 6, line 35 and claims 8-11. The Examiner admits that the primary reference does not set forth the claimed fascia assembly to be mounted to a motor vehicle.

The Examiner then contends that the cited secondary reference, presumably Takeuchi et al, teaches the basis claimed process of forming a fascia assembly for attachment to an automobile including injection molding a fascia assembly to form a bumper part that includes openings for grill and lamp components.

Applicant respectfully disagrees. First, Applicant has amended independent claim to more clearly point of scope of the invention. That is, Applicant's invention includes: a method for forming a fascia assembly that is to be mounted on a front or rear end of a partially completed motor vehicle, comprising: molding and solidifying molten first material so as to form an exterior fascia panel (12) having a first connecting portion (18) integrally molded therewith, said fascia panel being configured to constitute a portion of a vehicle body assembly when said fascia assembly is mounted on the front or rear end of the partially completed vehicle; and molding and solidifying a molten second material so as to form a fascia assembly component

(14) having a second connecting portion (22) integrally molded therewith with said second connecting portion (22) of said fascia assembly component (14) being molded and solidified to said first connecting portion (18) of said exterior fascia panel (12) in a fixed, bonded, and interconnected relationship such that said connecting portions cooperate to interconnect said exterior fascia panel and said fascia assembly component together for subsequent transport and mounting to the partially completed vehicle.

The Takeuchi et al. reference specifically states that **the second material has no bondability to the first material** such that the molding of the movable vane by the second material permits the moveable vane to swing in an arc relative to the stationary vane formed by the molding of the first material. See column 6, lines 8-52 and column 12, lines 31-42. In other words, the second portion formed by the second material is intended to be coupled to, **but still movable**, with respect to the first portion formed by the first material. One portion is simply formed around the other, but not bonded or fixedly interconnected thereto. Therefore, the Examiner's contention that a second plastic is injection molded to form an integrally attached second portion to the first portion is incorrect.

Applicant's invention sets forth that the first connecting portion (18) formed by the molded and solidified first material is fixed, bonded and interconnected to the second connecting portion (22) formed by the molded and solidified second material such that the first and second portions are interconnected. The interconnection between the first and second connecting portion is fixed, not movable, to thereby interconnect the exterior fascia panel (12) and fascia assembly component (14) together for transporting and mounting of the assembly to the vehicle.

The cited references clearly do not disclose, teach or suggest the integrally molded, bonded, and fixed interconnected between first and second connecting portions of the molded first and second portions. Therefore, the Examiner's rejection is improper and should be withdrawn.

Accordingly, it is believed that the application is in condition for more favorable consideration and allowance.

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